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NINE CHARGED IN FAKE AUTO INSURANCE CARD ROUND-UP
Result of cooperation among law enforcement, city/county officials

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 25, 2008) – A sharp eye for detail in the Clay County clerk's office resulted in nine Manchester area residents being charged with insurance fraud for creating or possessing fake auto insurance identification cards.

When Clay County Clerk Freddy Thompson and his staff began seeing suspicious or altered proof of insurance cards, he brought it to the attention of the Kentucky Department of Insurance (DOI) Fraud Investigation Division. DOI fraud investigators contacted Manchester Police Chief Jeff Culver and Clay County Sheriff Kevin Johnson, along with County Attorney Clay Bishop, and began a joint investigation.

"Auto insurance is mandatory in Kentucky, and proof of insurance is required to license a vehicle. Unfortunately, the creation and possession of fake insurance cards is one of the most prevalent fraudulent activities we investigate," said DOI Commissioner Sharon P. Clark. "Those who drive without insurance create a financial hazard for everyone."

Culver and Thompson believe the investigation has been positive for the community, and Thompson said his staff is seeing fewer questionable cards.

"We believe news of this investigation will deter others from doing the same thing," said Culver.

"This is an example of teamwork at its best," said Commissioner Clark. "I commend the Clay County law enforcement officials and Mr. Thompson and his staff for the outstanding assistance and cooperation we received in completing our investigation."

Those charged with felony counts of insurance fraud for possessing fake cards are: Marshall D. Bodkins, 22; Lois Ann Hunter, 46; Daniel C. Mayfield, 27; Alta Mae Nolan, 29, and Bobby J. Wombles, 34, all of Manchester; David G. Caudill, 46, of Fall Rock; Rebecca Roberts, 29, of Big Creek; and Evelyn J. Simpson, 63, of Garrard. Teresa Bowling, 43, of Manchester was charged with a felony count of second degree forgery for creating a fake card.

The nine are scheduled to appear in Clay District Court on Sept. 16.

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